

[Translation]

Financial Assistance for Revival of Sick SSI Units

2276. SHRI G.L. KANAUJIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to provide any financial assistance to the State Governments for the revival of those units of the small scale industries which are sick;

(b) if so, the amount allocated to Uttar Pradesh during 1990-91 and the number of units of small scale Industries revived; and

(c) the target thereof for the year 1991-92?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF.P.J. KURIEN): (a) Ministry of Industry is operating a Margin Money Scheme for revival of sick scale units with effect from 1st January, 1982. Total sanctions made by the Central Government under this scheme upto 31.3.91 amounted to Rs. 215.40 lakhs.

(b) As no request was received form the Government of Uttar Pradesh during 1990-91, no amount was sanctioned by Union Govarmnt to the State Government under the scheme during the year. However, the total amount sanctioned to Uttar Pradesh by the Union Government under the scheme amounted to Rs. 60 lakhs up to the end of the previous year, i.e., 31.3.1990. During 1990-91 the Small Industries Development bank of India (SIDBI) sanctioned term loan refinance assistance of Rs.20.8. lakhs in respect of 4 units in Uttar Pradesh under its Refinance Scheme for Rehabilitation of Sick SSI Units.

As per data compiled by the Reserve Bank of India, the number of potentially

viable sick small scale units in Uttar Pradesh was 365 with an outstanding bank credit of Rs. 37.90 crores at the end of September, 1989, the latest period for which data are available. The number of sick SSI units put under nursing programme was 204 with an outstanding bank credit of Rs. 28.29 crores at the end of September, 1989.

(c) There is no system of fixing annual target for revival of sick units. However, RBI has issued guidelines to all scheduled commercial banks that ordinarily it should be possible for banks to take decision on the viability or otherwise of a unit identified as sick within a period of three months and that the finalisation of the nursing programme should be completed within a period of three months from the date of such a decision.

[English]

Functioning of Technology Missions

2277. SHRI G.L. KANAUJIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) Whether some technology missionary functioning in India to provide technical know-how to industrial establishments particularly to medium and small scale units and other centres of development activitis; and

(b) if so, the details of their functioning and the benefits provided by them to the above units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Permission to Karnataka to Import Paracetamol

2278. SHRI G. MADE GOWDA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: